

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

21. (Previously Presented) A method of scanning a document at an input scanner and recording image data derived from the document at a selected destination computer among a population of destination computers, comprising:

entering, at a user interface associated with the input scanner, a destination of a document scanned at the input scanner, the destination including a reference to a predetermined file location retained in the destination computer;

the destination computer polling the file location; and

image data moving from the input scanner directly to a port associated with the destination computer.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, there being no server operatively interposed between the input scanner and the port associated with the destination computer.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, the destination computer not polling the port through which image data from the scanner enters the destination computer.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, further comprising the selected destination computer activating an image acquisition program in response to detecting incoming image data in the file location.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, further comprising a daemon within the destination computer conveying image data from the port to the file location.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, the input scanner scanning a document including a plurality of page images.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, further comprising the destination computer sending a template to the input scanner, the template including a network address of the computer.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, further comprising in response to receiving a confirmation of receiving the template from the input scanner, the destination computer retaining information about the input scanner.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, further comprising the destination computer retaining information about the input scanner on a list of approved input scanners; and the destination computer refusing to accept image data from an input scanner not associated with the list of approved input scanners.